vol. 104, no. 3344, 1955. In this couplet it will key to *Psammodius mcclayi*, from which it differs as follows:

- 1. Dark reddish brown; pronotal punctures deep, moderately numerous; row of 4 or 5 punctures each side in remnant of intervening row between the 2 distinct transverse pronotal furrows....

  P. mcclayi Cartwright

On direct comparison the pronotum of *P. doyeni* appears to be slightly shorter than that of *P. mcclayi* in relation to overall length.

Psammodius doyeni is another of the previously undescribed species of insects found in Dr. Alan Hardy's study of the desert sand dunes of California. It is named after Dr. John T. Doyen, collector of the type specimens.

## THE FAMILY PHENGODIDAE IN THE UNITED STATES

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It might interest readers in the United States that I have published a "Contribution to a revision of the Fam. Phengodidae" (Ent. Arbeiten Museum Frey, Tutzing, 27, 1976, pp. 415-524). This publication affects the nomenclature of several species occurring in the United States.

The examination of the tentorial pit obliged me to create the genus *Distremocephalus* for the following species of *Mastinocerus*: *M. texanus* Lec, *M. californicus* Van Dyke, and *M. opaculus* Horn.

Cenophengus longicollis is described from Texas.

The genus *Paraptorthodius* Schaeffer is revalidated, and characters are given for separation from *Cenophengus*.

## CORRECTION

A regrettable mistake occurred in my article on the genus *Phengodes* (Coleop. Bull. 29, 1975, p. 250). It should read:

## Subgenus Phengodella

12(1').	Elytra mo	re or	less ex	tensively	brown	only	at	base,	remaind	er from	
	dark to bla	.ck							P	. frontalis	Lec.
12'.	Elytra con	coloro	us, fror	n piceous	to black	·					13

The key remains unchanged otherwise.